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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDO-BANGLADESH MARITIME BOUNDARY

REF: (A) NEW DELHI A-223, 8 JUNE 1974, (B) DACCA 1225

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT INDIAN EMBASSY ECONOMIC
MINISTER RAMAKRISHNA ON MARCH 5 GAVE WASHINGTON ASHLAND
REPRESENTATIVE 6 POINTS AS FOLLOWS WHICH DEFINE NEW
EQUIDISTANT LINE (NOTE POINTS ARE GIVEN IN DEGREES AND
TENTHS OF MINUTES):

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2. RAMAKRISHNA WHEN QUERIED STATED THESE COORDINATES WERE JOINTLY AGREED UPON BY INDIA AND BANGLADESH AT RECENT MEETING IN DELHI ON BOUNDARY DELIMITATION. LINE THEY DELIMIT CONFLICTS WITH TEMPORARY MEDIAN LINE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN BY INDIA (REF A) AND CUTS OFF SUBSTANTIAL PORTION

OF ASHLAND CONCESSION. ASHLAND HAS BEEN ASKED TO QUOTE RESPECT THIS LINE UNQUOTE.

3. RAMAKRISHNA WHEN ASKED ABOUT PROPRIETY OF INDIAN APPROACH TO ASHLAND HERE AGREED THAT THIS SHOULD ALSO HAVE COME FROM BDG. HE SEEMED SURPRISED THAT BD EMBASSY HERE HAD NOT YET INFORMED ASHLAND OF NEW COORDINATES.

4. ASHLAND HAS COMPLETED SEISMIC SURVEY AND DOES NOT INTEND TO RESUME ACTIVITY UNTIL RESULTS HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED (PERHAPS 3 TO 6 MONTHS). HOWEVER, ASHLAND IS UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS WARNING.

5. COMMENT: THIS INFORMATION CONFLICTS, OF COURSE, WITH INFORMATION TRANSMITTED REFTELON MARCH 10 THAT NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED. WE SUSPECT SOME CONFUSION ON PART OF INDIAN EMBASSY HERE. HAS LETTER MENTIONED REF (B) BEEN DELIVERED TO ASHLAND BY INDIAN HIGHCOMMISSIONER? WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO THROW ON THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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